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SUBJ: PRESIDENT PARK'S AUGUST 5 PRESS CONFERENCE

PRESIDENT PARK BROKE LITTLE NEW GROUND DURING AUGUST 5
CHINHAEE PRESS CONFERENCE. FOLLOWING ARE SALIENT POINTS:

A) NATIONAL GOALS: SELF-SUSTAINING ECONOMY, SELF-RELIANT
DEFENSE, "EXPANSION OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT" AND "CULTIVATION
OF SOUND SPIRITUAL POSTURE."

B) CABINET RESHUFFLE: "WILL BE CARRIED TO AN APPROPRIATE
EXTENT, BEFORE OR AFTER INAUGURATION"(NOTE: LAW SPECIFIES
INAUGURATION ON DECEMBER 27).

C) ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS: "NO NECESSITY TO CONDUCT ELECTIONS
EARLIER BY DISSOLVING ASSEMBLY"; "NO CHANGE IN PLAN TO HOLD
ELECTIONS WITHIN STATUTORY PERIOD" (NOTE: LAW SPECIFIES
PERIOD FROM SEPT. 12 TO FEB. 19).

D) SUMMIT MEETING: "ALWAYS A POSSIBILITY...BUT PRESENTLY
NO CONCRETE PLAN FOR ANY SUMMIT MEETINGS."

E) KIM DONG-JO: "NO CHANGE IN OUR GOVERNMENT'S POSITION TO
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EXTEND COOPERATION TO FULLEST DEGREE"(WITHIN FRAMEWORK
OF VIENNA CONVENTION, INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE, AND SOVEREIGNTY).

F) INFLATION: "CONTINUOUSLY PURSUE HIGH ECONOMIC GROWTH...
DESPITE PRICE PRESSURES"; "COMPREHENSIVE MEASURES"
ANNOUNCED FOR PRICE STABILIZATION; URGED CITIZENS TO
DEMONSTRATE FRUGALITY AND SAVINGS.

G) CONTINENTAL SHELF EXPLORATION: "NEGOTIATIONS FOR FOUNDATION OF INTER-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION...WILL BE FINALIZED BY SEPTEMBER 21; DRILLING IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN NEXT SPRING OR EARLY SUMMER."

H) RELATIONS WITH COMMUNIST COUNTRIES: REITERATION OF KOREA'S "OPEN-DOOR" POLICY TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH COUNTRIES HAVING DIFFERENT IDEOLOGIES.
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